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1. With declining commercial and industrial activity in Eritrea, Communism grew stronger after most of the Fascist chiefs, had left for Italy. A restraining influence on the propagation of communist doctrines, however, is the strong Fascist discipline which left its impress on the Italian population. Italian Communists in Eritrea are believed to be directed by the Communist Party in Italy.

2. The chief Eritrean Communists are:

- a. Bianchi (fmu), Italian.
- b. Santorella (fmu), Italian.

These two men publish a communist-slanted newspaper and pamphlets, whenever their activities are not curbed by the authorities.

c. Professor Tamar, who is the native Coptic Christian Communist leader; he also engages in publishing activities.

3. Bianchi, Santorella and Professor Tamar act together and have some influence among their followers.

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